

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2165

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Examiner: Mark A. Radtke

For: **SYSTEMS AND METHOD FOR REPRESENTING RELATIONSHIPS
BETWEEN UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A
HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM**

Commissioner for Patents
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Applicant-Initiated Interview Summary

Date of Interview: July 3, 2008

Interview Type: ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic ☐ Electronic Mail ☐ Video Conference ☐ Other:

Participants:

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☒ An exhibit or demonstration was included and is described below:

A drafted claim listing showing possible amendments was included.

The claims discussed included: Claim(s) 1 and 11

The ☐art ☐prior art discussed included:

The prior art was not discussed.

An agreement ☐ was ☒ was not reached.

☐ It was agreed that the attached claims are allowable.

☐ It was agreed that the attached amendment would be entered.

☒ The interview is summarized below.

Applicants' Representative described the operation of the claimed invention. Examiner noted that the recent amendments appeared to provide substantial new features from an emerging area of the of file system design. Applicants' Representative described the "integrated database" and "filestream" features. Examiner suggested clarifying the creation and management of metadata by the OS in future rounds of prosecution. Finally, Examiner noted that the amendments did not appear to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 101, but it would require additional consideration before such a determination could be made.

Date: August 7, 2008

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